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Prior Application Art Unit: 3739

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SIR: This is a request for filing a

Continuation  Continuation-in-Part  Divisional Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior Application No. 09/177,502, filed October 23, 1998 of Charles R. SLATER for BIPOLAR ENDOSCOPIC SURGICAL SCISSOR BLADES AND INSTRUMENT INCORPORATING THE SAME.

1.  Enclosed is a complete copy of the prior application including the specification, claims, and drawings, as originally filed. I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of prior Application No. 09/177,502, as originally filed on October 23, 1998, which is incorporated herein by reference.
2.  Enclosed is a substitute specification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.125. The undersigned hereby verifies that no new matter is added in this substitute specification.
3.  Enclosed is a Request for Non-Publication of Application and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i).
4.  Cancel Claims 2-39.
5.  A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
6.  The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 4 above.

Basic Application Filing Fee				\$750	\$ 750.00
	Number of Claims	Basic	Extra Claims		
Total Claims	1 -	20	0	x \$18	
Independent Claims	1 -	3	0	x \$84	
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7.  A check in the amount of \$ 750.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
8.  The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, or credit any overpayment during the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.
9.  Amend the specification by inserting before the first line, the following new paragraph: -- This is a continuation of Application No. 09/177,502, filed October 23, 1998, which is a continuation of Application No. 08/354,992, filed December 13, 1994, abandoned, all of which are incorporated herein by reference.--
10.  New formal drawings are enclosed.
11.  The prior application is assigned of record to: Symbiosis Corporation, Miami, FLORIDA. A copy of the Assignment and Recordation Cover Sheet filed in Application No. 08/354,992 is enclosed.
12.  Priority of Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. A certified copy  
 is enclosed or  is on file in the prior application.
13.  Small entity status is appropriate and applies to this application.
14.  The power of attorney in the prior application is to at least one of the following: FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW, GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P., Douglas B. Henderson, Reg. No. 20,291; Ford F. Farabow, Jr., Reg. No. 20,630; Arthur S. Garrett, Reg. No. 20,338; Donald R. Dunner, Reg. No. 19,073; Brian G. Brunsvold, Reg. No. 22,593; Tipton D. Jennings, IV, Reg. No. 20,645; Jerry D. Voight, Reg. No. 23,020; Laurence R. Hefter, Reg. No. 20,827; Kenneth E. Payne, Reg. No. 23,098; Herbert H. Mintz, Reg. No. 26,691; C. Larry O'Rourke, Reg. No. 26,014; Albert J. Santorelli, Reg. No. 22,610; Michael C. Elmer, Reg. No. 25,857; Richard H. Smith, Reg. No. 20,609; Stephen L. Peterson, Reg. No. 26,325; John M. Romary, Reg. No. 26,331; Bruce C. Zotter, Reg. No. 27,680; Dennis P. O'Reilley, Reg. No. 27,932; Allen M. Sokal, Reg. No. 26,695; Robert D. Bajefsky, Reg. No. 25,387; Richard L. Stroup, Reg. No. 28,478; David W. Hill, Reg. No. 28,220; Thomas L. Irving, Reg. No. 28,619; Charles E. Lipsey, Reg. No. 28,165; Thomas W. Winland, Reg. No. 27,605; Basil J. Lewis, Reg. No. 28,818; Martin I. Fuchs, Reg. No. 28,508; E. Robert Yoches, Reg. No. 30,120; Barry W. Graham, Reg. No. 29,924; Susan Haberman Griffen, Reg. No. 30,907; Richard B. Racine, Reg. No. 30,415; Thomas H. Jenkins, Reg. No. 30,857; Robert E. Converse, Jr., Reg. No. 27,432; Clair X. Mullen, Jr., Reg. No. 20,348; Christopher P. Foley, Reg. No. 31,354; John C. Paul, Reg. No. 30,413;

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15.  The power appears in the original declaration of the prior application.
16.  Since the power does not appear in the original declaration, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
17.  Please address all correspondence to FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW, GARRETT and DUNNER, L.L.P., 1300 I Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005-3315, **Customer Number 22,852**.
18.  Recognize as associate attorney \_\_\_\_\_
19.  Also enclosed is Information Disclosure Statement w/PTO Form 1449

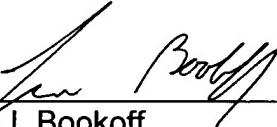
**PETITION FOR EXTENSION.** If any extension of time is necessary for the filing of this application, including any extension in parent Application No. 09/177,502, filed October 23, 1998, for the purpose of maintaining copendency between the parent application and this application, and such extension has not otherwise been requested, such an extension is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge

necessary fees for such an extension to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for use in charging the deposit account.

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